Mr. Daron Hadock – Permit Supervisor State of Utah Dept. of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Feb. 6, 2006

Subject: Revision of LMO Plan, Grouse Creek Mountain

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Last October I received a request from the Divisions' Mining Program Coordinator, Susan M. White to post the new bond amount as calculated by the Division. I am sorry that I did not accomplish this as requested. I knew that I was going to submit this Plan revision, and that it would likely affect the bond amount, so I didn't act. I have just now finished the text of the revision and submit it here for your review.

I deeply apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. The situation in the immediate Plan area of operation has changed. For many years my company was the only permitted operator of this nature (talus gathering) in the area. Recently, it has come to my attention that there will be another operator there as soon as they can be permitted. This operator has an area of private minerals as well as a leased area with USITLA. Their operation will be much the same as mine. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but I realize that I cannot be as relaxed in my methods, nor in my approach to this resource as I have been in the past. I must give myself every legal opportunity to compete and excel in the market that I helped to create.

Please review this Plan revision at your earliest convenience. In the past Lynn Kunzler has forwarded applicable information to the district BLM office to spare me the aggravation. Let me know if there is anything further that I can do to expedite the process. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

William L Bown - President

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